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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1300**
Takamasa FUCHIKAMI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1402A
Serial No. 10/550,387 : Group Art Unit 1621
Filed November 2, 2005 : Examiner Jennifer Y. Cho
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FLUORINE-
CONTAINING ACRYLIC ACID ESTER : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 15, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matteoli et al. (Journal of Molecular Catalysis) in view of Fuchikami et al. (U.S. 4,855,487) is respectfully traversed.

The Position of the Examiner

The Examiner indicates that Applicants' Declaration [filed February 1, 2008] has been fully considered, but is not found to be persuasive. The Examiner acknowledges that the preference for the target product is drastically improved using the two bases triethylamine and lithium carbonate. However, the Examiner states that Applicants have not provided a true side-